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Hazleton is to have a celebration on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Oswald will give a large party at their residence this evening.

G. M. Lockard purchased the grist mill and water power of Alfred Irvin at Lightstreet last week.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen was gladdened Tuesday morning by the birth of a little girl.

It is said that a pigeon shooting match will take place this week for the championship. James H. Mercer and Somers White are the contestants.

Some beautiful strawberries have been offered in market this week. They are of the Sharpless variety, and were the product of Catawissa plants.

L. Gross has raised his house several feet and will rebuild it entirely. It will be a fine residence. John Brugler of Danville is the architect.

Sheriff Casey sold the property of Norman Walter in Bloomsburg on Monday for \$1865. T. L. Gunton bought one lot on North side of Fourth street, and W. H. Yetter bought two lots on the south side.

A new feature is introduced in THE COLUMBIAN this week, in a puzzle column. The solutions will appear next week. This feature will be continued for the next six weeks, and if it meets with favor, as much longer as it interests our readers.

John Penman has been granted a pension of \$12 a month. It was obtained through the agency of William Chrisman, Esq. Sidney Nafus has been granted \$8 a month. Mr. Chrisman has secured seventeen pensions since the first of the year.

The new iron bridge at Coles Creek has been completed, and turned over to the county commissioners. The approaches must now be made when the old open plank bridge will be removed and the new one opened for travel.

The severe storm that visited Bloomsburg Monday night seems to have been but a narrow belt. From Bloomsburg to Stillwater the rain was heavy and lightning flashes frequent and severe. From Stillwater north, it was but a light shower and scarcely any lightning flashes.

An effort is being made to get up a series of amusements consisting of horse-races, firemen's contests, foot races, &c., to take place in the Fair Grounds on the 4th of July. A subscription paper is out for its support. Admission to the grounds will be charged, the proceeds to go to those who subscribe for its support.

J. D. Jones met with an accident at the Bloomsburg Car Co. works on Tuesday. With the assistance of another workman he had carried a mine car sill into the shop and while attempting to lay it down the end slipped and fell on his left arm bursting a blood vessel and lacerating it.

R. Stiles has tendered his resignation as steward at the Normal School, and Mrs. Burns of Scranton has been elected Stewardess. W. H. Housel has been elected Superintendent of buildings and grounds. Miss E. Guie has resigned from the Faculty. Some further changes in the Faculty are probable.

The Y. M. C. A. has decided to put in bath rooms. They will be located on the third floor, and will be supplied with tub and shower baths. The water will be heated by a Gurney heater, with a capacity of two hundred gallons per hour. The contract has been awarded to Eshelman & Wolf.

An excursion on a special train, under the auspices of Espy and Lightstreet pastoral charge, M. E. church, for the benefit of the church, will be taken over the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad to Central Park on July 4th 1891.

This train will leave Bloomsburg at 8 a. m. Fare only 50cts for round trip. Music and refreshments on the ground.

There will be no meeting of the Choral Society next week, as the exercises of Commencement week will occupy most everybody's attention. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening July 7th. The operatic cantata of The Haymakers is in rehearsal, and will be publicly produced next fall. All members are requested to attend as regularly as possible. There is no fee for admission, and anybody who is a singer can join.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Meeting of School Board called Friday evening June 19th, with all members present.

Bond of Treasurer with J. K. Eyer and Douglass Hughes as sureties, presented and approved.

Term of School was fixed for the coming year at 8 months, beginning with the first Monday in September.

Tax rate at three and one-half mills for school purposes and two mills for building purposes.

W. D. Beckley and J. H. Richardson appeared and asked that the Bloomsburg Brass and Copper Works be exonerated from taxation for a period of ten years, and that they in return would supply the district with any tubing that might be needed at a price of 5 per cent. below wholesale rates. Request was granted.

ELECTION OF TEACHERS.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Principal, L. P. Sterner, Sal. \$85
Assistant, C. E. Smith, " 50
A Grammar, Nora Finney, " 40
B " Ella Allen, " 35
C " Flora Jones, " 35

FIFTH STREET.
Principal, Samuel Pursel, Sal. \$45
No. 2 Intermediate, " 35
Hattie Richardson, " 35
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Assistant Alice Brockway, " 30
A Primary, Louise Robbins, " 38
B " Annie Snyder, " 35
C " Assist. Eva Rawlings " 30

THIRD STREET.
Principal, Orval Yetter, Sal. \$45
Assistant, Ida C. Rinker, " 30
No. 2 Intermediate, " 35
Ida Bernhard, " 35
No. 2 Intermediate, " 35
Assistant, Annie Fox, " 30
A Primary, Georgia Pursel, " 38
B " Stella Lowenberg, " 35

JANITORS.
The following were elected as janitors:
A. W. Fry, High School building, Salary \$30 per month.
Frank Taylor, Fifth Street building, salary \$25 per month.
G. B. Kitchen, Third Street building, salary \$25 per month.

THE FOURTH AT CATAWISSA.

A grand celebration of the Nation's birthday, under the auspices of Washington Camp, 540, P. O. S. of A. will be held at Catawissa, in connection with the celebration of the first anniversary of the camp, on Saturday, July 4, 1891. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a grand parade of the order, which will be participated in by Camps from Sunbury, Milton, Bloomsburg, Millersburg, Halifax, Newlin, Lime Ridge, Washingtonville, Roaringcreek, Montana, Pencil, and other towns. A majority of the Camps will be accompanied by bands. Prominent speakers will address the gathering at the camp ground after the parade, and music will be furnished by the various bands in attendance. A shooting gallery will be erected, and other sports provided for the amusement of the patrons. Every effort will be put forth to make the day an enjoyable one. In the evening a magnificent display of fireworks will take place, among which is a beautiful set piece, the "Ice Palace," with a battle scene and brilliant bombardment of the palace with various colored fireworks. This will be in charge of an expert. Warm dinner and supper will be served on the grounds, and an abundance of ice cream, fruit, soft drinks, etc., will be on sale during the afternoon and evening. A monster tent has been erected on the grounds and brilliant illustrations will be provided at night. A large force of police will see that good order is maintained. Drunkenness or rowdiness will not be tolerated.

"CHILDREN'S DAY" EVENING.

Children's Day is taking a very prominent place in all the churches now. The little folks look forward to it as to Christmas. Next Sunday is Children's Day in the Lutheran Church, the Sunday nearest Augsburg day, the Day the Great Confession of the Lutheran Church was adopted in the sixteenth century. The exercises in the evening will consist of an interesting service called "The Pearl Gatherers" which is rendered by eight young people and a number of children, concluding with the crowning of the Queen, "Religion." The exercises will begin at 7.30. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Heilman, in the morning on "The Relation of the children to the church".

Our job department is as busy as ever. A large lot of new type, borders, card ornaments &c is on the way, and will be here soon. Call and see samples and get prices.

FIRE AT McKELVY'S STORE.

I. W. McKelvy's store narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Monday night. Soon before midnight smoke was discovered issuing from the second floor, and the alarm given. The Winona hose carriage was first on the ground and turned a stream of water through the second story window. A ladder was produced and the hose gotten up to the second floor. The Friendship hose carriage was on hand in good time and attached to a plug, but no water was turned on by them as it was not needed. The steamer also arrived in plenty of time to have done effective service in case it had been needed. Steam was up and she was ready for work. A half dozen men hauled her down, and they were entitled to praise for getting on the ground as soon as they did, instead of being taunted for not coming sooner. Any remarks calculated to excite anger at a fire ought to be studiously avoided. While friendly rivalry between the fire companies is perfectly natural, when there is a fire everything should be forgotten but the public welfare. The object is to extinguish the flames. Who gets there first or who is to have the credit of putting it out is a matter of no importance at the moment. Such questions are best determined after the danger is over.

The fire started in the ceiling of the second floor, in the paper that was tacked over the rafters. Pieces of the burning paper dropped down and set fire to the goods. How it happened is not surely known. Many people ascribe it to the electric wires that run over the ceiling of the room, while Mr. Schuyler, Superintendent of the Electric Light works, is positive that it could not have been started in that way.

Several thousand dollars worth of goods were damaged by fire, smoke or water. The latter was controlled at the plug and only so much was turned on as was necessary, otherwise the store would have been flooded.

The adjusters were on hand the next day, and the loss is covered by insurance. But for the timely discovery a large and disastrous fire would have followed, and the entire stock of goods in the store destroyed. As it was, but few goods on the first floor were injured though nearly everything on the second floor is ruined.

A HEAVY STORM.

On Monday evening at seven o'clock a thunder storm passed up the creek, and for a time it appeared as though Bloomsburg would escape. But other clouds gathered and soon after, a heavy fall of rain began, accompanied by vivid lightning and terrific peals of thunder. At the third flash the arc lights went out everywhere, and some of the incandescents. Immediately a whistle began to blow and the cry of fire was raised. The firemen started in the direction of the car shops, but soon found that the whistle was that of the Electric Light Works. On reaching there they were informed that the whistle was not intended as a fire alarm, but as a signal to the Superintendent that he was wanted there, some damage having been done to the plant by lightning. The arc lights were disabled for two days during repairs to machinery. Some buildings were struck, but no serious damage was done.

BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

Sunday, June 28th, 10 a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. E. C. Armstrong of Danville, Pa. (First Presbyterian Church.)
Monday, June 29th, 8 p. m., Junior Exhibition.
Tuesday, June 30th, 8 p. m., Address before the Literary Societies, by Pres. G. E. Reed, of Dickinson College. (Institute Hall.)
Wednesday, July 1st, 11 a. m., Re-Union of the Class of '76.
Wednesday, July 1st, 2 p. m., Exercises of the Class of '89. (Institute Hall.)
Wednesday, July 1st, 4 p. m., Class-Day Exercises. (Campus.)
Thursday, July 2nd, 10 a. m., Commencement Exercises.
Thursday, July 2nd, 1 p. m., Alumni Re-Union and Dinner. (Tickets to the dinner are free to Alumni.) Exhibits of work in the Manual Training and Art Departments may be seen throughout the week.
Fall term opens Sept. 7, 1891.

ADJOURNED COURT.

Court met Friday last pursuant to adjournment, all the judges on the bench.

Est. Levi Kurtz, dec'd; discharge of administrator decreed. Same order in guardian of S. Burton Kurtz.

Private sale ordered in estate of Ada Conner, a minor.

Baugh & Sons vs. C. W. Low; opinion of court filed; defendant discharged.

Petition of Charles Weidman filed for appointment of Tax Collector of Conyngham township.

Jeremiah Walp, committee of Stephen Walp, discharged.

Est. Anna Young; additional exceptions filed to Auditor's report.

Watson Planing Mill vs. Thos. E. Schweppenheiser; claimant's bond filed and approved.

Petition of G. M. Tustin for approval of bond of himself as assignee of the Catawissa Deposit Bank to the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia; amount of bond, \$78,900.

Upon petition for appointment of deputy constables in Catawissa, for July 4th, 1891, the following were appointed: Adam Mensch, Daniel Hinterliter, Jacob Reinhardt, H. B. Shaud, Philip Sidler, E. D. Tewksbury, Jere Kostenbauder and A. F. Harman.

Nescopee Falls Co. vs. S. E. Smith, rule granted to show cause why new trial should not be granted.

Petition of heirs of George Longenberger estate for dismissal of James McAlarney, executor. Demurrer of executor overruled and answer directed within ten days, hearing of witnesses fixed for July 3rd, 1891, at 2 p. m. Also citation awarded upon said executor to comply with order of court of 1878 to file bond or be dismissed from his position as executor.

WALLER.

Mr. H. H. Hurlman was absent a few days last week attending to some business in town.

A Sunday school picnic will be held in Calvin Kitchen's grove, near the Pine Grove school house on Saturday the 27th inst. A festival will also be held at night.

Mr. W. B. Fritz, of Goodland Kansas, came home on last Friday to visit his parents and friends in this state.

Miss Benlah Robbins of Unityville, and Warren Pennington of Muncy valley, were married last week.

The Fritz reunion was pretty largely attended from this place, and notwithstanding the threatening weather was quite a success.

Henry Wagner has purchased a new Osborne self binder and also a two horse hay rake.

Mr. M. S. Remley took a business trip to Bloomsburg on Saturday.

Messrs. George and John Hummer have returned from a visit to friends in New Jersey.

The appearance of the church lot has been greatly improved; but there is still some finishing up that ought to be done.

Several new volumes have been added to the Union Sunday school library.

The long wished for rain has come at last, but there has not very much rain fallen, considering the time it has been so cloudy.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall a Bible Reading will be conducted. Good music by the male choir. Bring your Bibles.

The regular monthly business meeting of the association next Tuesday evening June 30th, 8 o'clock. The committee on constitution and by-laws will report at this meeting, and it is very important that every active member be in attendance.

The bath rooms will soon be ready for use, free to members. Membership ticket \$2 a year in advance.

ORDINANCE NO. 6.

SECTION 1. That it shall not be lawful to fire any fire crackers or squibs of any description or kind, upon any day, within the limits of the Town of Bloomsburg; and any person or persons, firing or causing to be fired such fire crackers or squibs within the limits of said Town shall upon conviction, before the President of the Town Council, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding Five Dollars for each offence.

The High Constable and Chief of Police will see that this ordinance is rigidly enforced.

P. S. HARMAN,
Pres. of Town Council.

The First National Bank is undergoing a transformation on the interior. It will be greatly improved.

M. G. HUGHES DEAD.

Mayberry G. Hughes of Catawissa was found dead in his bed at his residence, on Wednesday shortly before noon. He had not risen, and his right hand was under his head, and he seemed to be sleeping. An examination proved that life was extinct.

Mr. Hughes never married, and he leaves a brother, Douglas Hughes of this town, and two sisters, Mrs. Dr. Vastine of Catawissa, and Mrs. Boone of St. Clair, to survive him. In April 1876, he was appointed Associate Judge of this county and served until January, 1877. His appointment was made to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Scott.

For a number of years he has been a director of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, and was made president of the recently organized National Bank of Catawissa. He served as President of the Columbia County Agricultural Society for several years, and was also President of the Catawissa Bridge Company. He amassed a fortune which will probably exceed \$100,000. His age was sixty four years. In politics he was a republican though not an offensive partisan. The funeral will take place to-day, Friday at one o'clock.

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS.

The unreasonableness of some men was exemplified in an instance brought to our notice on Tuesday. A subscriber called at our office and inquired for the amount of his bill. When informed, he contended that it was not right, and claimed to have receipts at home covering two years more than he was credited with. He was politely requested to let the matter rest until he could produce his receipts and if we were wrong, we would not only correct the error, but present him with a year's subscription, but this he declined to do and because we would not take his word against our books he became angry, and demanded his bill to date, and ordered the paper stopped. We cheerfully complied with both of these requests. It is no pleasure to do business with one who will not listen to reason.

All this is of no special public interest, but it is mentioned to show the necessity of preserving your receipts for subscription. Every time you call to pay for your paper bring along your last receipt, and then no misunderstandings can occur.

LIGHT STREET.

Children's day services were held at the M. E. church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. O. T. Swisher is now suffering with dropsical affliction.

G. M. Lockard is now preparing to have a better supply of water at the mill, by cleaning the race.

A surprise party from here went to William Pullins' at Greenwood on Saturday last. Quite a number attended.

Jacob Terwilliger attended the Funeral Director's Association convention at Williamsport last week.

The crops in general look pretty good, hay short in some places.

G. M. Lockard's little town presents a new appearance by the addition of paint.

Sport! Sport! Some of the young women adorned themselves in male attire on Monday evening, much to the annoyance of the community.

S. C. Creasy showed a novel way of advertising on Wednesday for the Excursion to Mountain Grove. He obtained a covered wagon, which together with the horse was decorated with flags and bunting. Numerous placards appeared upon both horse and wagon announcing the excursion. A string of large bells was used to call attention to the approach of the wagon. Mr. Creasy gave considerable of his time to advertising the excursion, and whatever success is attained may be in a large measure attributed to his efforts.

The railroad bridge of the Wilkes-Barre and Western railroad at Orangeville is about completed. The switch is being laid connecting it with the Bloomsburg & Sullivan. It will cross the latter at grade. Within a few days freight may be transferred over the Wilkes-Barre & Western.

The County Commissioners are sending out blanks to the several assessors of Columbia County for the purpose of taking another registration of voters, under the recent act of the Legislature.

The slate roof of the new Court House is about completed. Bricklayers are at work upon that portion of the steeple where the dials of the clock will appear.

PERSONAL.

Miss Charles of Angelica, New York, is the guest of Miss Eva Rupert.

Miss Brown of Williamsport is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. H. Grotz.

F. M. Hess of Stillwater was in Bloomsburg on business Tuesday.

Dr. F. C. Harrison of Lewisburg, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Melick are visiting at Mr. C. W. Miller's.

Miss Annie Mosteller of Plymouth, was the guest of Miss Madge Campbell last week.

Miss Minnie Bittenbender of Grand Rapids, Michigan is the guest of J. K. Bittenbender.

S. B. Henderson of Mountgomery Station visited his brother-in-law, S. C. Creasy, on Wednesday.

Miss May Kuhn and Miss Annie Lockard spent last week in Boston with their sisters.

Thomas Trench and C. C. Trench returned from Florida on Tuesday, after an absence of two months.

Miss May Barkley spent several days during the past week at Sunbury, visiting Mrs. Richmond.

Mr. William Barry, clerk at the Girard House, Philadelphia, is visiting in this section. He was in Bloomsburg Monday evening.

Mr. Rush Pederican of Lock Haven and Mr. Elmer Tacy of Bethlehem were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bertsch over Sunday.

Louis Lowenberg, J. A. Hess, Ed. Roe and Wallace Vannatta are camping this week along the Fishingcreek between Orangeville and Forks.

J. Harris Curran, son of Prof. H. A. Curran, won the gold medal for declamation, and a prize of \$25.00 for the best essay at Dickinson College, Carlisle. He is a member of the junior class.

Charles P. Elwell, returned from Boston last week. He has re-organized an orchestra with about a dozen members, and some good music can be looked for during the summer. He expects to return to the New England Conservatory of Music another year.

P. J. John of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, was in town on Monday. He has been in this county for the past week visiting friends. Twenty-one years ago he was the editor of the *Republican*, and this is his first visit since he left. His many friends were glad to welcome him back.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Reformed Church on next Sabbath morning.

The salary of the principal of the Berwick schools has been raised to a thousand dollars.

The Copper & Brass Works will soon be ready for business. The Machinery is now being placed in position.

Mrs. Clees has opened a dry goods and provision store in the Peterman building. Green groceries and fruit are also kept in stock. Elmer Mears is clerk.

Pensions have been recently obtained for David Hartman, Espy, Jacob Shultz, Orangeville, and Abel Deily, Bloomsburg, through the agency of G. W. Sterner.

The old wooden tower on the Episcopal church was torn down on Wednesday, and preparations are being made to begin work on the new stone tower.

Three graduates of the Berwick High School passed the examinations of the Junior year at the Normal and were admitted to the Senior Class. Also three of the Catawissa High school graduates.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will be sent to the dead letter office July 7, 1891.

Miss Alnora Holdren, H. H. Kerchner, Jr., Miss Ida Rhoads, Mr. Henry Turner, Mr. Howard Walbridge.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised June 23d, 1891.

One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

A. B. CATHCART, P. M.

A Suicide.

Jackson Biddle, a farmer residing at White Hall, Montour county, committed suicide on Wednesday, by hanging himself in the wagon shed. He leaves a wife and three children. Insanity is ascribed as the cause of his act.